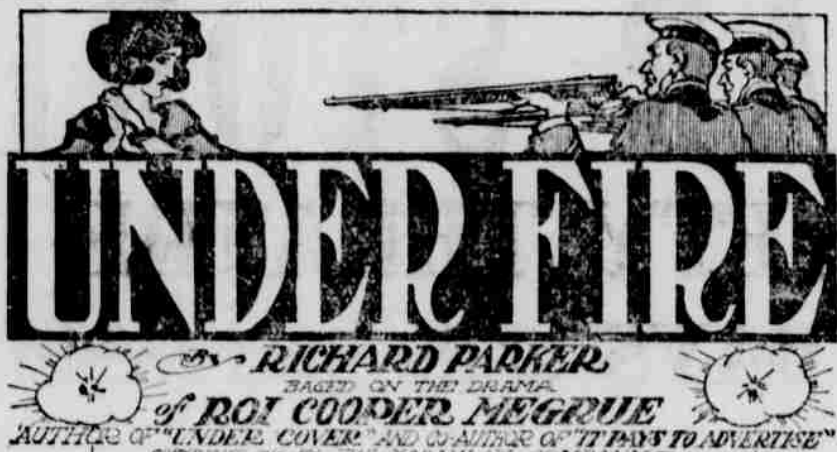


DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS



What does Father want, anyway?



UNDER FIRE
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SYNOPSIS.
 CHAPTER I.—George Wagstaff, daughter of Sir George, of the British admiralty, hints at a liaison between her governess, Ethel Willoughby, and Henry Streetman. Ethel denies it.

"It is not for the money that I am here," she answered proudly. "It is for the fatherland." Despite the guarded tones in which he spoke, there was an earnestness born of sincere patriotism that made his words ring convincingly. One look at the man's face, aflame with an almost fanatic zeal, showed him to be the sort to whom a country may well trust her secrets.

"Yes, yes! Of course," Streetman agreed hastily, as if he would forestall any patriotic exhibition. "Still, one would like to live with the luxuries of life. One day I shall make the grand coup; and then to cease all this—" He broke off suddenly, for he heard Miss Willoughby sighing on the other side of that closed door. "Sssh! To the door!" He whispered the command. And straightway Herr Roeder sprang to his post near the double doors that gave into the hall. He had instantly become the pantheistic butler again, and now he stood like a green island, motionless, expressionless, as if he waited there to serve the gods in his master's house.

"Very good, Herr Roeder," Streetman said in a clear, firm voice, which he intended to carry well beyond that closed door. "I'll wait here for Miss Willoughby."

And then Sir George's butler bowed and left the room.

CHAPTER III.

A Fox in the Household.

Browster had hardly closed the doors behind him before Ethel Willoughby appeared.

"Oh, Henry! You surprised me," she said.

"I came before the others," Streetman explained, "because there's something you must do for me at once."

"About the fleet, I suppose," she said, somewhat wearily, as she turned away from him.

"How did you know?" He shot the question at her almost too quickly for caution. But for the moment he experienced something approaching alarm. But her answer reassured him.

"Nowadays it is only of the fleet you ask," she told him. And she regarded him with eyes that were pathetic, if not reproachful. Once it had seemed to her that Henry Streetman was interested in her. But of late she had been obliged to admit to herself that that interest had quickly waned.

Her handsome caller paid no attention to the obvious complaint that lay in Ethel's answer. In the most matter-of-fact fashion he proceeded straight to the business that was uppermost in his mind.

"You must learn at once from Sir George where the ships at Spithead are going," he announced bluntly. "Find out if they sail together, or if they will disperse—and how."

As she faced him again there was hesitating in her voice, her eyes, her whole manner.

"Wait, Henry, wait," she begged. "Before we go into that, tell me—when are you going to let people know we're married?"

Streetman remembered then that he had a many-sided role to play. And thereupon he went up to the girl, and taking one of Ethel's hands in his, while he put an arm around her, he looked down at her in a most loverlike fashion.

"Ah, my dear! I'd let them know now—this minute—if I only could!" he exclaimed.

"But we must announce our marriage at once," she said quickly.

"Announce our marriage—why?"

"George Wagstaff told me just a few minutes ago that when I said I was in Brighton a friend of hers saw you and me together in Paris," she replied in tragic tones.

"You did not explain?" he asked.

"That we were on our honeymoon? No! I kept my word to you. I said I was in Brighton." She looked at

ried, you were so kind, so thoughtful. You talked only of pretty things. But now, always it is the fleet—the navy. You seem interested only in their plans, their secrets. . . . Is it for that you married me?"

Streetman's patience had reached the breaking point. And at the question he flew into a sudden rage. He turned a face like a thundercloud upon her.

"And on my side I ask why you married me? For love? . . . I think not!" he sneered.

His quick anger brought Ethel to her feet.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

RANSOM.

Mrs. Robert Herbert and Miss A. Herbert, of Forest Park, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Lamb.

Miss Ethel Tosler, of Streator, spent the week end with Miss Myrtle Heber.

Mrs. Necum and daughter Mable have returned to their home in Estherville, Iowa, after spending a few weeks with W. P. Bosley and family, of Oak Park, are guests of the former's parents.

W. J. Seguin and family spent the week in Chicago with relatives.

Miss Margaret Casey spent Thursday in Kinsman with her sister, Mrs. John Stebar.

Misses Carolyn and Kathryn Bosley spent Thursday in Seneca with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strobel spent Saturday and Sunday in Ottawa.

Miss Dorothy Hummel, of Chicago, is a guest of Mrs. Fred Gurneutz.

Mrs. P. C. Allen was operated on in St. Mary's hospital in Streator Saturday for appendicitis.

The dance given here Friday evening by the club was well attended.

Mayor Essington and wife and Charles H. Williams and wife, of Streator, autored here Thursday evening and met the citizens of Allen township at the town hall. The following organization was perfected to canvass Allen township on behalf of the National War Council's \$100,000,000 Red Cross fund. John Black, president; Wilfred Seguin, Secretary and Treasurer; Edith McCann, chairman, district 61; H. Cleat, chairman, district 62; Mrs. Traver, chairman, district 63; E. Irick, chairman, district 64; Mrs. Bradish, chairman, district 65; Ari Phelan, chairman, district 66; Mrs. Donahue, chairman, district 67; Geo. Smith, chairman, district 68; John H. Smith, chairman, district 69.

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Miss Alta Necum spent the latter part of the week in Nevada.

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 "No! I found it didn't pay."
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